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SUBJECT: UNESCO 19TH GC TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

1. PURSUANT TO LAWTON/TINSMAN TELCON AND DR. CASELLO'S CONSULTATIONS WITH UNESCO SECRETARIAT, DEPT. REQUESTS THAT PERM DEL INFORM UNESCO SECRETARIAT THAT USG INTENDS TO SUBMIT DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNESCO REVISED RECOMMENDATION ON TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TO THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE WITH THE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES:

2. AFGHANISTAN, BOLIVIA, BURMA, CHILE, COSTA RICA, ECUADOR, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, HONDURAS, INDIA, IVORY COAST, JORDAN, KENYA, KOREA-REPUBLIC OF, KUWAIT, LIBERIA, MALAYSIA, MALI, NEPAL, NIGERIA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, SIERRA LEONE, THAILAND, UNCLASSIFIED

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, TUNISIA, UGANDA. UPPER VOLTA, AND URAGUAY.

, BEGIN RESOLUTION

3."THE GENERAL CONFERENCE,
RECONFIRMING THE REVISED RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING
TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, ADOPTED
UNANIMOUSLY BY THE 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE IN 1974,
PROVIDES ALL NATIONS OF THE WORLD WITH A STANDARD OF

PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES THAT EACH SHOULD STRIVE TO
IMPLEMENT IN DEVELOPING ITS OWN FORMAL AND NON-
FORMAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS WITH PARTICULAR CONCERN
FOR THE NEED FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT TO
FACILITATE THE APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER
AND APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES TO PROBLEMS OF
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

4. SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES,
IN THIS SPIRIT OF THE REVISED RECOMMENDATION, THAT
COULD BE TAKEN FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AT THE
INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL.

5. INTERNATIONAL
SUPPORTS

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOR TECHNICAL
AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PURSUANT TO 19 C/S PARA
1195, WHOSE OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES WOULD INCLUDE:
A. THE ASSISTANCE TO MEMBER STATES IN IDENTIFICATION OF
THEIR NEEDS AND RESOURCES.
B. COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF TECHNICAL AND
VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS TO ALL MEMBER STATES
AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.
C. UTILIZATION AND STRENGTHENING OF EXISTING INSTITUTIONS
CONCERNED WITH TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TO
SERVE AS PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK; AND
D. PUBLICATION OF A PERIODIC NEWSLETTER CONTAINING
CONTRIBUTIONS OF RESEARCH, INNOVATIONS AND MATERIALS,
ETC. WHICH WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL INTERESTED
MEMBER STATES AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.
6. URGES THAT,
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL GIVE GREATER RECOGNITION TO THE
IMPORTANCE OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BY
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CLARIFYING ITS ROLE IN THE SECRETARIAT AND GIVING IT
HIGHER PRIORITY IN THE ALLOCATION OF ITS RESOURCES.
TO THIS END, AND WITHIN THE EXISTING PERSONNEL
CEILING, AN INTERSECTORIAL UNIT SHOULD BE
ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT TO BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WITH STRONG
INVOLVEMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DIVISIONS TO
ENSURE COST-EFFECTIVENESS IS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

ALSO UNESCO SHOULD,
ENSURE PROPER COORDINATION WITH ALL OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION SUCH AS UNIDO AND ILO
WITH REFERENCE TO EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME
DISTRIBUTION CONSIDERATIONS.

7. RECOMMENDS THAT,
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER
INTERESTED AGENCIES, EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF
ESTABLISHING A NON-GOVERNMENTAL/WORLD-WIDE
VOLUNTARY FUND OR FOUNDATION WHOSE PRIMARY PURPOSE
WOULD BE TO ASSIST ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES IN
PLANNING AND DEVELOPING THEIR TECHNICAL AND
VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS.

SUGGESTS THAT,
A NONGOVERNMENTAL INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE BE
ESTABLISHED TO EXPLORE WAYS OF SETTING UP SUCH A
FUND OR FOUNDATION AND TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR ITS
ADMINISTRATION.

8. RECOMMENDS THAT,
AGREEMENTS CONCERNING THE IMPROVEMENT OF TECHNICAL
AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF
COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO OR MORE NATIONS SHOULD
INCLUDE, AS APPROPRIATE:

A. MUTUAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF PERSONNEL,
INFORMATION AND MATERIALS, INCLUDING HARDWARE AND
SOFTWARE, AND

B. ASSISTANCE IN POLICY FORMULATION, PLANNING,
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, TEACHER TRAINING, AND ANY
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OTHER AREAS OF NEED.

9. REGIONAL

RECOMMENDS,
THAT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL STRENGTHEN THE TECHNICAL
AND VOCATIONAL CAPABILITIES OF ITS REGIONAL OFFICES
AND THAT REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ALSO STRENGTHEN
THEIR CAPABILITIES TO RENDER ASSISTANCE IN AREAS OF
TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

10. URGES,
UNESCO TO EXTEND ITS SERVICES AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL
TO INCLUDE THE UTILIZATION OF RESOURCE CENTERS FOR
DEVELOPING TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL

CAPABILITIES IN SUCH AREAS AS PLANNING AND POLICY FORMULATION, TEACHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING RELATED TO SPECIAL MANPOWER NEEDS.

STRESSES THAT IN, SEEKING ASSISTANCE, MORE EMPHASES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN REGIONS,

NATIONAL

11. RECOMMENDS THAT, EACH MEMBER STATE DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN SPELLING OUT HOW IT WOULD IMPLEMENT THE UNESCO REVISED RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION. SUCH AN ACTION PLAN, AS WELL AS OTHER APPROPRIATE MATERIALS, SHOULD BE SENT TO UNESCO ON A PERIODIC BASIS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO MEMBER STATES.

12. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

BELIEVING THAT, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES PERMITTING AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROMOTE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED RECOMMENDATION,

THEREFORE URGES THAT SUCH CONFERENCES:

A. DISCUSS IN DEPTH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE UNESCO RECOMMENDATION;

B. PROVIDE INFORMATION ON PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE BY MEMBER STATES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION;

C. PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND ASSISTANCE FOR ALL MEMBER STATES IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION." END RESOLUTION

13, RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION OF DHEW, THE AMERICAN VOCATIONAL ASSOCIATION, THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES AND THE U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO HAVE REVIEWED

THIS DRAFT AND CONCURRED WITH IT IN SUBSTANCE.

14. IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT PERM DEL SHARE ABOVE DRAFT RESOLUTION WITH APPROPRIATE PERM DEL COUNTERPARTS. THE SUBSTANCE OF THE RESOLUTION HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DENVER CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION HELD LAST JUNE. DR. JOSEPH CASELLO OF USOE, WHO WAS THE RAPPOREUR FOR THE CONFERENCE, WILL BE SENDING OUT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, HIS FINAL VERSION OF CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS TO FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THEIR APPROVAL WILL ALSO ENSURE THE COOPERATION AND CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AT THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE. HABIB

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